

# LAST EDITION.

## EGAN ON PIGOTT.

## How the President of the League Convicted the Forger.

## He Knew the Man as a Traitor for Nearly Twenty Years.

**Farmer's Generosity in Helping the Soldier's Widow.**

where he went for the inauguration. An EVENING WORLD reporter caught him as he was about to begin breakfast.

Irish questions before Parnell was heard of. He is a medium-sized man of forty-eight years of age, compactly built, with a closely trimmed reddish brown beard light brown

"I enjoyed my pleasure trip to Washington very much. I talked with dozens of prominent people, Gen. Sherman, John Sherman, Alger, nearly all the Senators and many

"Weil, tell me about Pigott. How did you get on to him?" asked the reporter.

"He was an arrant blackmailer, levying taxes right and left. While corresponding with me about Irish interests he wrote to

in the interests of England, saying that it was helpful to the Government, as it was in a covert way, and winding up with a request for \$7,500!

familiar with the surface currents and the undercurrents in the Irish question to be broken with. He was the proprietor of two papers, *The Irishman* and *The Flag of Ireland*. "Pittcott wrote to me in 1881. He demanded

filthy accounts detrimental to Irish interests, which series had been prepared at Dublin Castle, and for the publication of which he would get £500 from the English Government.

that, in the first place, I had no power to appropriate the League funds in any such way, and, in the second place, that I would not spend a penny of the money for any black-mailing business.

Parnell wrote Pigott some letters about this purchase of the paper. I carefully preserved Pigott's damaging letters and copies

"How could he have written you anything that was such a give-away?" asked the reporter.

letters to him were the basis of his forgeries, and the correspondence was the groundwork of his conviction.

with his letters to me and copies of my letters to him over to Labouchere. Pigott kept the right dates of the letters, and traced some of the sentences just as they were, and then substituted other remarks of a devilish kind.

and Crime,' I knew at once that no man on earth but Pigott could have written them. There was an intimate knowledge of all the bearings and undercurrents in Irish politics that enabled him to be the man. They be-

"Oh, he was a blackguard of the worst die! He was in correspondence with Salisbury, the Earl of Derby, the Duke of Argyll, and a lot of the prominent English politicians, and was getting money from them."

"Why didn't Parnell act more promptly in the matter, since he knew this?" asked the

"To go into court at the start against it would have been like going into a dark room to fight a man without knowing how he was armed, or knowing what part of the room he

he insisted on a Parliamentary Commission, and why he fought to have it in the Scotch courts, where a majority of the jury can give a verdict.

It will be enormous. Already Parnell has personally received loads of letters from prominent men, many of them stating that this disclosure has entirely altered their views in the matter, and that henceforth their

knows, is a sincere patriot, and one of the coolest men I ever saw. Notwithstanding the devilishness of Pigott, he has contributed money for the support of his family, a wife and four children.

rotten that nothing was beyond him. He counted too much on his influence and thought we would want that. If I had given him anything on his demand he would have been as satisfied without limit.

Irishman represented an advanced party and was not favorable to the League, it was capable of having some desirable results on Irish interests. But the wretch has got his

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